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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CHANGE THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
FOR NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS FOR DEFENSE OF THE BORDER WITH MEXICO.

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1 To the President of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the federal government has the obligation to defend our
4 borders and citizens; and

5 Whereas, action has been taken to stem the tide of illegal immigration
6 into the state of Arizona by the federal government that includes placing
7 National Guard soldiers from the various states in Arizona; and

8 Whereas, National Guard troops have been deployed into a hostile area
9 to supplement the United States Border Patrol; and

10 Whereas, troops have the equipment, ability, training and desire to
11 complete their mission; and

12 Whereas, the United States Border Patrol is understaffed to handle the
13 current crisis; and

14 Whereas, the flood of illegal border crossers into Arizona poses a
15 significant threat to this state and the nation; and

16 Whereas, illegal border crossers ruin Arizona's precious Sonoran
17 Desert; and

18 Whereas, illegal border crossers traffic in human and drug cargo and
19 bring crime to our state; and

20 Whereas, the National Guard have been given orders not to apprehend
21 illegal border crossers; and

22 Whereas, a change in the rules of engagement for National Guard troops
23 stationed at the Mexico border would benefit Arizona by further reducing
24 illegal immigration attempts, drug trafficking, human smuggling and crime
25 thus defending of our borders and citizens from foreign invasion.

26 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
27 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

28 1. That the rules of engagement for National Guard troops on the
29 Mexico border be changed to allow soldiers to defend against, engage, pursue
30 and apprehend those illegally entering the United States; and

31 2. That the National Guard should be placed in a primary enforcement
32 role until the Border Patrol receives its full complement of officers as
33 approved by Congress.

34 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
35 of this Memorial to the President of the United States.

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